

House Concurrent Resolution 13 - Introduced

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13

BY COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

(SUCCESSOR TO HCR 9)

1 A Concurrent Resolution urging the United States
2 Congress to modernize the Toxic Substances Control
3 Act of 1976.

4 WHEREAS, consumers in the United States deserve to
5 have confidence that the products they buy, when used
6 for their intended purposes, are safe; and

7 WHEREAS, a federal chemical management program
8 should place protecting the public health, including
9 children's health, as its highest priority and should
10 include strict government oversight; and

11 WHEREAS, a federal chemical management program
12 should preserve the role of the United States as
13 the world's leading innovator and employer in the
14 manufacture, processing, distribution, and use of
15 chemicals; and

16 WHEREAS, the current federal chemical management
17 law, the Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976 (TSCA) is
18 now nearly 35 years old; and

19 WHEREAS, since the enactment of the federal law,
20 our ability to understand the impact chemicals have
21 on the human body and the environment has advanced
22 significantly; and

23 WHEREAS, those advancements in science and
24 technology need to be integrated into the federal
25 chemical management program; and

26 WHEREAS, momentum for modernization of the federal
27 chemical regulatory system is growing in the Congress

1 of the United States; and

2 WHEREAS, a robust federal chemical management system
3 will obviate the need for state government to adopt
4 different, and at times conflicting, state regulatory
5 programs that have the potential for negative impacts
6 on the national economy; NOW THEREFORE,

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
8 THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the Iowa General Assembly
9 encourages the 112th Congress of the United States to
10 enact federal legislation to modernize the TSCA to
11 strengthen chemical management policy; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the policy reforms
13 should ensure that chemicals are safe for their
14 intended use; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the policy reforms
16 should require the United States Environmental
17 Protection Agency (EPA) to systematically prioritize
18 chemicals for the purpose of assessing their safe
19 use; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the policy reforms
21 should require the EPA to act expeditiously and
22 efficiently in assessing the safe use of chemicals; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the policy reforms
24 should require companies that manufacture, import,
25 process, distribute, or use chemicals to provide
26 the EPA with the relevant information to the
27 extent necessary for the EPA to make safe use
28 determinations; and

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the policy reforms
30 should assure that the potential risks to children from

1 exposures to chemicals are considered in the assessment
2 of safe use; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the policy reforms
4 should empower the EPA to impose a range of risk
5 management controls to ensure that chemicals are safe
6 for their intended use; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the policy reforms
8 should encourage companies and the EPA to work together
9 to enhance public access to chemical health and safety
10 information; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the policy reforms
12 should require that the EPA rely on scientifically
13 valid data and information, regardless of its source,
14 including data and information reflecting modern
15 advances in science and technology; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the policy reforms
17 should enable the EPA to have the staff, resources,
18 and regulatory tools it needs to ensure the safety of
19 chemicals; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the policy reforms
21 should ensure that the TSCA remains a vehicle to
22 promote and encourage technological innovation and the
23 maintenance of a globally competitive industry in the
24 United States; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the
26 House and the Secretary of the Senate shall forward
27 copies of this resolution to all members of Iowa's
28 Congressional delegation.